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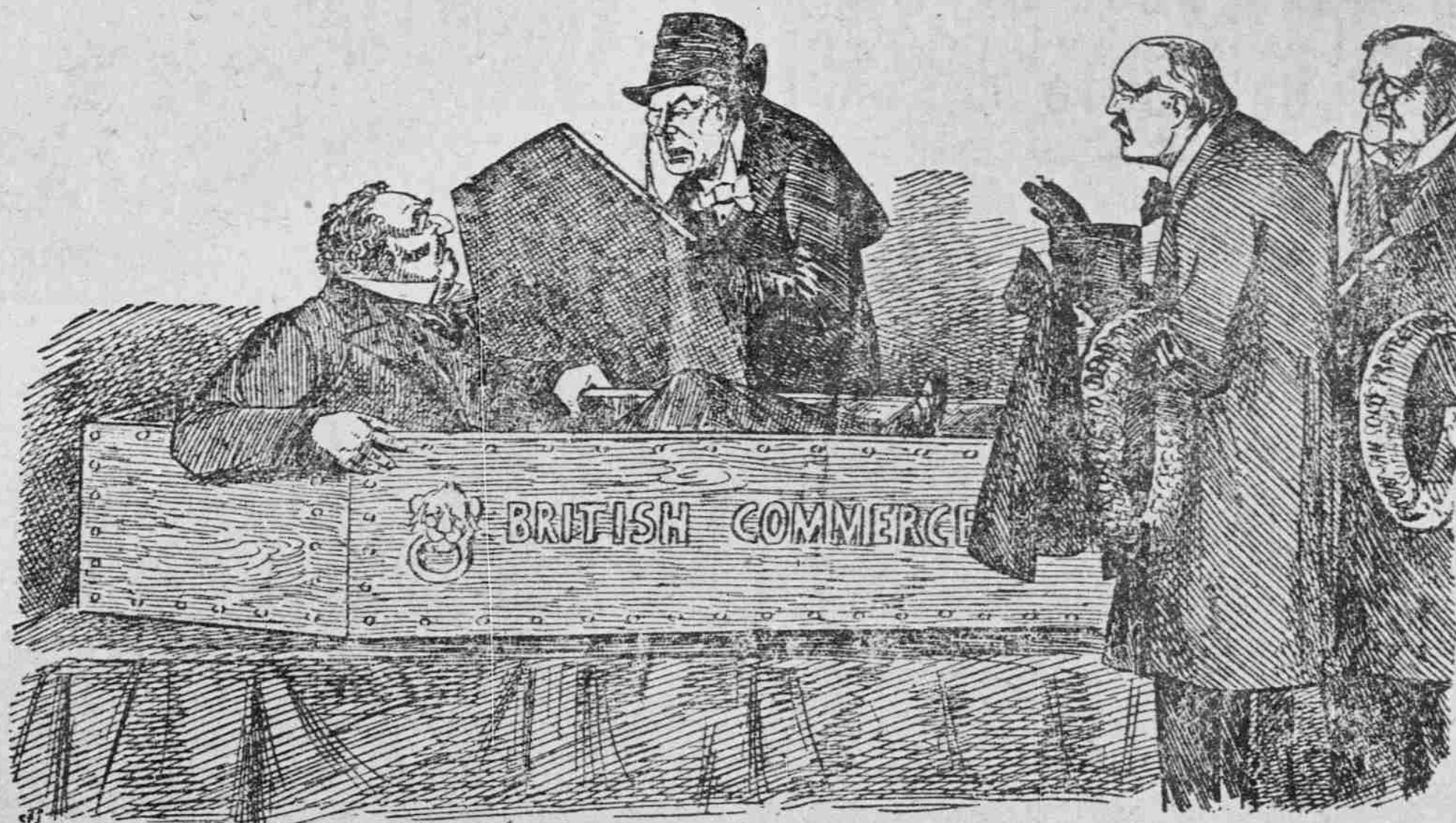
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THE SCHOOL QUESTION

Kamehameha Schools.

Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 12, 1904.

Editor Advertiser: Your remarks in Saturday's Advertiser deserve consideration by both teachers and parents. What you suggest as to training for those who do not expect to go to college is being done as far as possible by both the High School and Oahu. And Oahu will do more next year. Cannot you get the head of each of these institutions to tell the public what is being done for the boys and girls who do not expect to enter college? The public don't care to look through a regulation yearly report for this information; and so go without it. But it would make interesting reading just now, and people would be glad to read it.

There is no other power on earth so strong as public opinion. And what Oahu and the High School and the public schools need most of all, is a public opinion that knows what is being done and what is needed. Such a public opinion will see to it that money is appropriated to train its boys and girls for the work they are to do.

I would like to have two other matters discussed. First, this overworking of pupils; second, the value of nature study.

Suggestions are often worth more than a long article. This is one reason why I make suggestions. And only suggestions are offered now.

But first let me say that I have no personal quarrel with teachers for overworking my children. My children are standing the strain, for reasons given in my last article. And they are getting as much knowledge and power as is good for them, at their age. And I will even confess that the way I know how and why teachers overwork their pupils, is because I did the same. —I'll I learned better. It is a hard lesson to learn and some teachers never learn it. Even public opinion will not change their opinion. But to overload a horse or an engine or a pupil is poor economy of time and strength. It shows a lack of judgment on the part of the person in charge of the loading; and the results come back upon that person as well as upon the horse, the engine or the pupil.

The one thing I have learned is that the university, the public and employers want men and women of judgment, accuracy and persistence. These qualities can be developed by proper training. I will not undertake to say here what this proper training consists in. But it does not consist in overworking the pupils in our schools. If a driver insisted on overloading his team, he would be dismissed. If an engineer persisted in overloading his engine, he would be dismissed. A driver must show judgment. An engineer must show judgment. But some teachers know no limit to the amount of load. And their excuse? "The higher schools require a given standing." "The universities require a given preparation."

The mistake is in the judgment in selecting the materials that will best develop the pupils. I am not trying here to say what this material should be; but it is not the mass of stuff the pupils so often get. In Mathematics and the Sciences the principal danger is in giving problems that are too difficult. The results are memorizing of solutions or dead failure, on the part of a large part of the class. If a pupil lacks mathematical ability, why should he be "nagged" at through a whole course in Mathematics.

But when we come to the work in History and Literature we find a mass of details where only the careless teacher is "at home" and sure of himself. What with dates without number; and names of places long ago but dust; and the miserably small ambitions and successes or failures of men and women, whose very existence might better be left unknown; there is no limit to the details that exhaust the pupil's body and mind, and pa-

tience as well. And to what purpose. They are soon dust and gone as the men and women with whom they were once connected. And all the time pupils remain ignorant of conditions surrounding them; ignorant of the live questions of the day; unprepared for their part in the events they will soon have to face.

If teachers cannot see this or will not act upon it, it is time public opinion should act.

As the High School pupil said in your paper this morning, there is something else worth learning.

U. THOMPSON.

SCHOOL SANITATION.

Editor Advertiser: May I request some of your valuable space in which to comment upon a few of the statements made by "A Practical Teacher" in this morning's Advertiser.

Have not the teachers in the city schools whose "floors are washed only once in three months;" whose "rooms are reeking with filth;" who are suffering from the plague of "insanitary closets" and other evils been very remiss in their duty? Why has not the matter been called to the attention of the principal? Why has not the principal reported the delinquency of the janitor to the school agent, to whom a word of complaint would result in the appointment of capable help?

It would seem that the responsibility for such a condition rests upon principal and teachers, rather than the school system.

Teachers in this country are singularly fortunate in having the hearty co-operation of all the school officials in their efforts toward correcting any evils that may exist, and in furthering the welfare of the schools whose progress is the pride and hope of Hawaii.

A PRINCIPAL.

WHELOW REID ON EXPANSION

The Chicago Chronicle says:

What Whitelaw Reid has to say about public affairs is always interesting, but there is no reason to regard him as an oracle of political wisdom. Accordingly, his speech at the annual dinner of the New England society in New York, in which he expressed himself in regard to our recently annexed territory, contained more eloquence than common sense.

Said Mr. Reid in defining the safe course for the government to pursue in regard to expansion:

I venture to predict that the time will come within the lives of many who now hear me when the man who shall propose the incorporation as a state into this government of the United States of America of any island of the sea, the Philippines, the Sandwich Islands or Porto Rico or Cuba, will be hunted from political life as a public enemy, whether he be animated merely by lingering reminiscences of the filibusters and the slavery propaganda or whether he represent a sugar, trust in Wall Street or a sage brush trust in the United States Senate.

These remarks seem to have been the result of a postprandial exigency, as they are aimed at a man of straw and have no relevancy whatever to the actual political situation. To justify them Mr. Reid should have cited at least one instance in which there has been an effort "to drag in semitropical and revolutionary communities to be made states in the American union," and this he could not do.

The policy which Mr. Reid denounces and for advocating which he predicts that any American statesman will be hunted from political life as a public enemy is exactly the policy required by the constitution and by the best interests of this country. The Philippines and all similarly situated dependencies of this country must eventually become coequal territories and states of the union if either justice or self-interest is considered.

It is perfectly true that half-civilized and fragmentary peoples should not be allowed to restrict in the slightest de-

gree the growth of the republic. Whether they be Indians, negroes, Filipinos or Spanish-Americans, they must not be allowed on sentimental grounds to block the progress of a great race whose welfare is really their welfare too. If their rights only were to be considered they might properly enough be excluded from statehood.

But in determining the status of annexed territory America is dealing with the rights and interests of Americans. Alaska, the Philippines and Hawaii are rapidly being peopled by American citizens. Their unbounded natural wealth is attracting the strongest and best strains in the American race. Their populations will soon become predominately American. Does Mr. Reid mean that our own people in these countries are never to enjoy citizenship and statehood, but are to remain to the end of time "subjects" and "possessions?"

The only consistent position for the people of the United States to occupy is that the constitution follows the flag.

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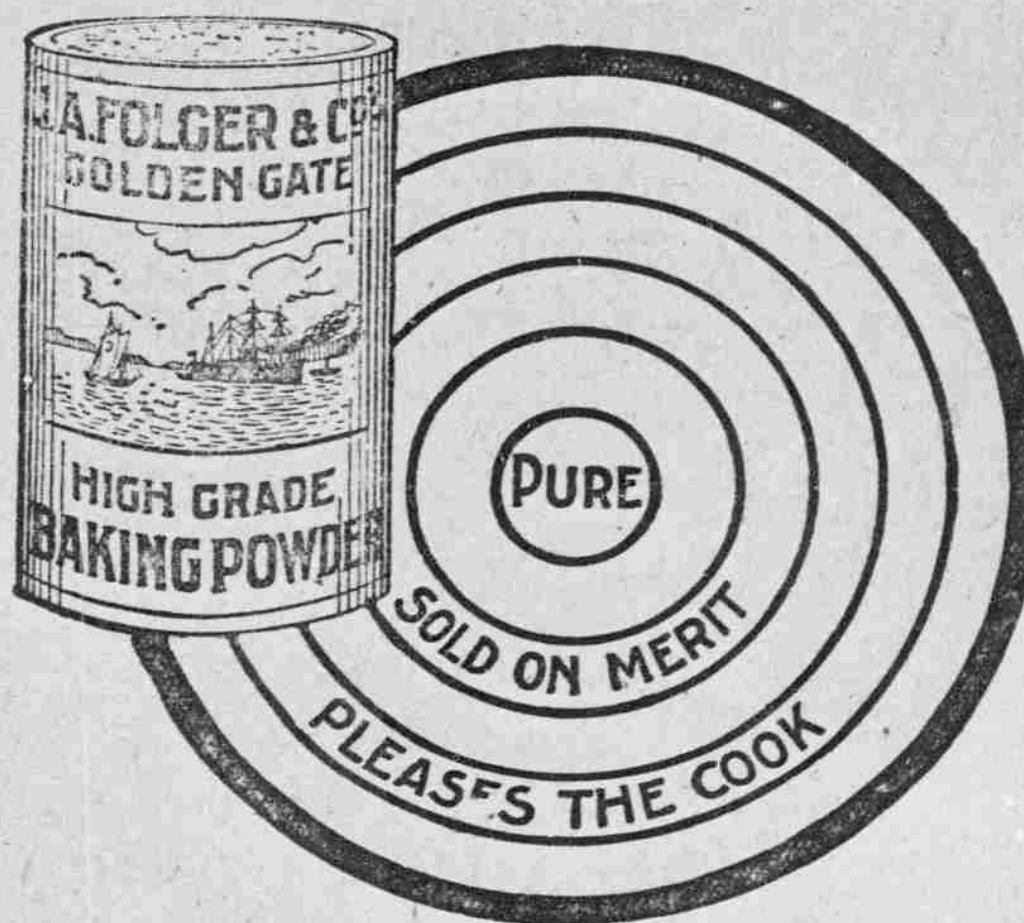
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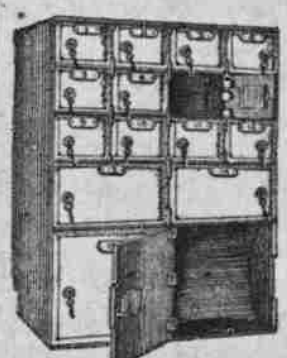
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